

TAX REDUCTIONS BRINGING ABOUT BILLION DEFICIT

Increase in Levy on Luxuries
Considered by Admin-
istration.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—A govern-
mental deficit of nearly \$1,000,000,000 next fiscal year confronts
the administration, it was disclosed
today by estimates of budget officers.
The president and his advisers are
said to be considering recommend-
ing new tax proposals to congress.
When the appropriation bills for
the next year go to congress in De-
cember, a wide gulf between re-
ceipts of the treasury will be far
less than was shown by earlier esti-
mates. This is due to the slump in
revenues from all principal sources.
Income and profits taxes show the
largest decrease. Taxes from this
source now are running \$200,000,000
behind last year. Miscellaneous in-
ternal revenues are running \$120,000,000
below last year's figures. Expected
revenues from government
security sales and from disposition
of surplus war property have fallen
below estimates.

New Luxury Tax?
Although no agreement upon new
tax legislation has been definitely
reached, it is understood the admin-
istration is weighing the question of
deriving more revenue from sales of
luxuries. There is no thought of
urging any increase in the present
scale of income taxes. Treasury tax
experts are to be called together
early next month to help solve the
problem.

From the reports of department
heads, it appears that government
personnel is back near peace time
strength, and operating expenses for
the various bureaus have been cut
to the bone. It is not thought pos-
sible to reduce them much more,
without crippling efficiency, and
warning against this has been given
the budget bureau. In some in-
stances, department chiefs assert
economy has been enforced at the
expense of real efficiency.
Treasury officials already were dis-
turbed by the certainty of a \$700,000,000
deficit this fiscal year, ending
June 30, next, their problem now
is aggravated by the prospect of a
still larger gap between income and
outgo, the 12 months following.
This year's deficit may be greatly
reduced by the internal revenue
bureau war on tax dodgers. Treas-
ury officials are confident it will bring
an enormous volume of hidden tax
money into the treasury vaults. The
sweeping measures adopted to force
evaders of taxes into line,
predict \$500,000,000 or more will
be squeezed out of wallets of wilful
tax-slackers.

JEALOUSY MOTIVE IN POISON CASE

"Husband Fooled Around
With Other Women,"
Wife's Defense.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Authorities
continued to search for the graves
of the first two husbands of Mrs.
Tilly Klimek today following her
confession that she poisoned her
third husband, Joseph Klimek.
Jealousy and not a desire for
money from life insurance policies
recently taken out were given by
Mrs. Klimek as reasons for her at-
tempt to take her husband's life.
Klimek is dangerously ill in the hos-
pital.

In her confession Mrs. Klimek de-
clared she was "tired of the way
Joseph was fooling around with
other women." She said she ob-
tained a white powder from a neigh-
bor which she sprinkled on Klimek's
food.
The coroner declared he will con-
tinue his investigation into reports
that two other husbands of Mrs.
Klimek died suddenly.

Mrs. Klimek confessed after a
grilling which lasted more than 18
hours.
She said that her husband abused
her.
Her story was corroborated by
Mrs. Nellie Sturmer who admitted
she gave Mrs. Klimek a quantity of
rat poison several weeks ago.
"Mrs. Klimek told me that her
husband was cruel to her and that
she wished she could poison him,"
Mrs. Sturmer said. "I gave her a
quantity of rat poison."
Police today planned to ask rela-
tives of two former husbands of Mrs.
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stayed until the whistle blew. Young
Edison was an operator for Gen.
Grant's staff. After the war Ward
came to California with a commer-
cial company, going into Siberia for
construction work when an effort
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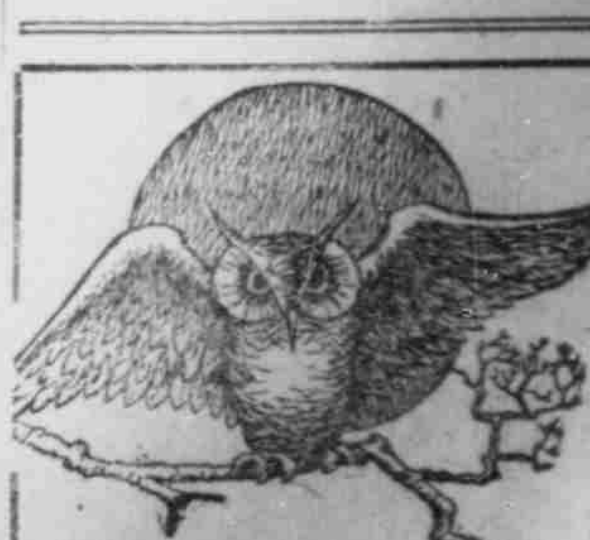
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